

outstanding service to his neighbors and fellow Iowans during some of the most challenging times in the last 18 months is why I recognize him as my Iowan of the Week.

Iowans in Mills and Fremont counties had not only a tough 2020, but a difficult 2019. Massive flooding hit these two counties in early 2019 and devastated communities like Pacific Junction. And of course, in 2020, every community has suffered the economic impacts of COVID-19. Many families lost their businesses, their homes, and their jobs. Just as many folks were getting back on their feet from the floods, they were knocked down again by the virus. That's where Larry comes in.

Larry has over 30 years of experience working at the Glenwood State Bank, so he's seen a lot. He helped many of our family, friends, and neighbors during the 2008 economic recession, helped to bring new economic development to Southwest Iowa, and was instrumental in building a new commerce highway to southwest Iowa. Madam Speaker, the truth is I could go on and on about Larry's accomplishments. Frankly, I don't know of a business or good cause in Southwest Iowa Larry hasn't been a part of. Therefore, you know how difficult the last two years have been when even he admits it's been hard on everyone.

Larry has been right there to help us rebuild time and time again. Not only did the Glenwood Bank and Larry help over 150 customers in need of assistance during the pandemic, resulting in over \$9.5 million in assistance for businesses impacted by COVID-19, they also hosted a water distribution location for those who lost everything in the 2019 floods. "It's not hard to do because it's the right thing to do" he said, because those are the values Larry lives by. Larry and I saw each other as we toured the devastating flooding, both of us offering as much support and assistance as we could. As I fought in Congress to help bring relief faster to Iowa, Larry worked to distribute that assistance, answer questions, and right now he's working to help build new, affordable housing which is sorely needed.

As a part of the family owned bank that has been in business for 120 years, Larry doesn't see his work as anything extraordinary. He's proud of his friends and neighbors who pulled together "like a family", he feels, saying that "everyone just rallies around each other in difficult times." I will point out that working nearly 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help businesses apply for and receive essential PPP loans to keep them in business is Larry going above and beyond. Larry feels that his work was just one small part of helping our communities. He credits his coworkers, local leaders, local businesses, and small-town values of Iowans for helping raise money, deliver meals, offer donations, and so much more. Larry, like any Iowan, can't imagine not helping when his community is in need and that's exactly why I want to honor Larry as Iowan of the Week.

REPUBLICANS, IF THIS ISN'T
IMPEACHABLE, WHAT IS?

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an opinion-editorial piece written by two of my good friends and colleagues, Former Representatives Barbara Comstock of Virginia and Charles Boustany of Louisiana, which was printed in Roll Call on February 4, 2021.

On Jan. 6, 2021, at 2:24 p.m., an angry Donald Trump tweeted: "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our country and our Constitution..."

At that very moment, Vice President Pence and his family were hiding from a violent mob at the Capitol, having been whisked out of the Senate chamber where he had been conducting his constitutional duty of certifying the election.

Over the course of the afternoon, the crowds shouted "Hang Mike Pence," "President Trump sent us," "Traitors," "Nancy Pelosi, we're coming for you" and other frightening and direct threats to members of Congress. This violent insurrection culminated in five deaths, including a Capitol Police officer, and 140 other officers were injured protecting members. During this time, the president and his attorney called at least one senator to ask him to delay the count further.

"The mob was fed lies. They were provoked by the president and other powerful people," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said. At a rally near the White House that morning, Trump spoke apocalyptically, warning, "If you don't fight like hell, you aren't going to have a country anymore." Trump lied that he had won in a "landslide." He had to know this was a lie because his pollster had already issued a lengthy report detailing why he lost. Donald Trump Jr. wildly shouted at the rally, "We are coming after you," directed at members of Congress who were doing their constitutional duty of certifying the election.

Many of those arrested at the Capitol echoed Donald Trump and his lies. They said, "We were invited here by the president of the United States." Rioters included members of the Proud Boys, QAnon conspiracy theorists and white nationalists who ripped off the helmets of officers, beat them with batons and flagpoles, and hurled racial epithets at our Capitol Police. Some came with zip ties, presumably to take hostages. At the end of the day, Trump recorded a video message, saying to those who stormed the Capitol, "You're very special. . . . We love you."

In the months and days leading to Jan. 6, these election fraud lies that Trump whipped up the crowd with had been rejected across the board:

By dozens of conservative judges in over 60 court cases who said they were "without merit" and "not credible."

By Attorney General William Barr who said, "We have not seen fraud on a scale that could have effected a different outcome," and reportedly called the claims of the president's lawyer "bulls---."

By Republican state election officials in Georgia, whom the president belligerently attacked and asked to "find" him more votes.

By his own White House counsel's office. Nevertheless, Donald Trump persisted. Even after the worst of the siege was visible

for the world to see, he tweeted, "These are the things and events that happen when a sacred landslide election victory is so unceremoniously & viciously stripped away from great patriots who have been badly and unfairly treated for so long."

We Republicans cannot avert our eyes from these violent realities. Some say we must move on. But it is clear that Trump and his mob still aren't moving on. Trump, his family and supporters continue to threaten political revenge and have shown no remorse for their actions. Angry Trump supporters continue to make dangerous threats.

"If this isn't impeachable, what is?" has been the question asked even by friends of Trump, such as former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Such blatant anti-constitutional, anti-democratic actions by a president and the violence he inspired against a coequal branch of government cannot go unpunished. They were unprecedented.

The president attempted to use his executive power to direct Vice President Mike Pence, Attorney General William Barr and other Republican officials to pursue anti-constitutional actions on his behalf.

As for whether a trial can be held after the president has left office, retired federal appeals court Judge Michael McConnell, a conservative, has pointed out that impeachment in the House occurred while the president was still in office, so that point is moot. Article 1, Section 3, Clause 6 of the Constitution states: "The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments." According to Judge McConnell, a trial is not limited to "sitting officers." If it was, there would be no consequence to a president who engaged in impeachable conduct at the end of his term.

The Senate must convict Donald Trump and keep him from holding office ever again. This is not a close call. Trump refused to accept the results of an election. He ignored the courts and even attacked the Supreme Court with three of his own appointees. He incited a mob to stop the certification of the election in Congress. And he tried to illegally overturn an election in violation of his oath to uphold the law.

Already the House impeachment has been the most bipartisan impeachment in history. Republicans must stand up to police our own. If Republicans continue to excuse Trump's lies and actions that they know are among the worst in history by a president, they will only further divide, not just our own party, but the entire country.

Barbara Comstock represented Virginia's 10th District as a Republican from 2015 to 2019.

Charles Boustany Jr. represented Louisiana in the House as a Republican from 2005 to 2017. He serves as president of the Association of Former Members of Congress.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF CARROLL
MAXWELL**

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 5, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life of Carroll Homer Maxwell, Jr.

Born to Virginia and Carroll Homer, Sr. on May 29, 1928, in Wichita Falls, Texas, Carroll would later relocate to Dallas where he would attend Highland Park High School. Mr. Maxwell would later attend Texas A&M University where he would foster a lifelong love of the Aggies.